

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Applicant's Amendment filed May 05, 2009 in response to Examiner's Final Office Action has been reviewed. Claims 1-6, 9-72 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 24 are independent claims. Claims 1 and 24 are amended, claims 7, 8 are canceled, and claims 29-70 are withdrawn.
2. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.
4. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephonic interview with Mr. John V. Biernacki, Reg. No. 40,511, on May 11, 2009.
5. The application has been amended as follows:
Claims 29-70 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The independent claims 1 and 24 are allowed over the prior art of record. The reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter of these claims has been addressed in the Final Office Action dated March 16, 2009.

Dependent claims 2-6, 9-23, 25-28, 71 and 72 being further limiting to the independent claims 1 and 24 are also allowed.

The closet prior art, Nelson et al., US Patent No. 5,937,422 teaches automatically generating a topical description of text by receiving the text containing input words; assigning an input-word score to each input word; creating a tree structure under each input word, where each tree structure contains the definition of the corresponding input word; assigning a definition-word score to each definition word; combining the tree-word lists into a final word list; assigning each word in the final word list a final-word-list score. The closest prior art fails to anticipate or render Applicant's limitations above obvious.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy N. Pardo whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young can be reached on 571-272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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